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SUBJECT: EASUM'S BILATERAL WITH VOLTAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM MET SEPTEMBER 26 AT HIS SUGGESTION WITH VOLTAN FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO AND AMBASSADOR TO U.S. YAGUIBOU AT UPPER VOLTAN MISSION IN NEW YORK FOR BRIEF TOUR D'HORIZON.

2. DROUGHT: MINISTER CAUTIONED THAT ALTHOUGH RAINFALL REPORTED GOOD, NOT ALL CROPS HARVESTED AND WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE CALCULATE SHORTFALL UNTIL ALL CROPS IN. SAID DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR RELIEF FOODS FUNCTIONED MUCH BETTER THIS YEAR.

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3. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES: ZERBO AND YAGUIBOU EXPRESSED

CONCERN THAT INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE AFRICA NOT FOLLOW SAME PATTERN AS DISSOLUTION OF FRANCE'S AFRICAN EMPIRE. YAGUIBOU EXPLAINED THAT GUINEA-BISSAU AND MOZAMBIQUE, LIKE WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN COLONIES, WERE GRANTED THEIR INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT BLOODSHED. AFRICA APPLAUDED THIS. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT WITH REGARD TO ANGOLA, PORTUGAL WOULD NOT FOLLOW THE FRENCH EXAMPLE IN ALGERIA. HE FEARED THAT PORTUGAL MIGHT TRY RETAIN ANGOLA BECAUSE OF ITS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AND PRESENCE SUBSTANTIAL SETTLER COMMUNITY. EASUM REPLIED USG CONVINCED PORTUGUESE SERIOUS ABOUT DE-

COLONIZATION AND TRUSTED THAT FORWARD MOVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE.

4. SOUTH AFRICA: WHILE AGREEING THAT RACISM IS WORLDWIDE PHENOMENON, MINISTER SAID LEGAL SANCTION AND INSTITUTIONAL BLESSING GIVEN RACISM IS WHAT MAKES SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OBNOXIOUS TO AFRICANS AND JUSTIFIES REGIME'S EXCLUSION FROM UN. YAGUIBOU VOLUNTEERED THAT MAINLAND CHINESE ARE TELLING AFRICANS SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME SO OBVIOUSLY UNREPRESENTATIVE THAT UN MEMBERS SHOULD REJECT SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION OUTRIGHT WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION IN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

5. KOREA: ZERBO SAID QUOTE TOGOLESE RESOLUTION UNQUOTE CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL ONLY OF THOSE FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER UN COMMAND. ADMITTING TEXT OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION AMBIGUOUS, MINISTER SAID GOUV RECOGNIZES RIGHT OF US AND SOUTH KOREA TO AGREE BILATERALLY ON STATIONING OF US FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA. HOWEVER, HE SAID, AS UN HAD AUTHORIZED CREATION OF UN COMMAND, IT ALSO COULD ABOLISH IT. ZERBO NOT PERSUADED BY EASUM'S SUBSEQUENT ARGUMENTS FOR RETENTION UN COMMAND.

6. CAMBODIA: STATING HE SERVED IN INDOCHINA DURING 1952-54, ZERBO ASSERTED THERE ARE NO POLITICAL CLEAVAGES AMONG CAMBODIAN PEOPLE AND PRESENT STRUGGLE CONSEQUENCE OF US ASSUMING FRENCH ROLE IN OPPOSING NORTH VIETNAMESE. SAID GOUV SUPPORTS SIHANOUK AND WILL VOTE SEAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES IN PLACE OF GKR. ZERBO'S POSITION UNALTERED BY EASUM'S OUTLINE US VIEWS. KISSINGER
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